

REMARKS

By this preliminary amendment, claims 1-5 have been canceled and claims 6-10 added. Thus, claims 6-10 are active. Support for this amendment is found in the specification at least at: column 72, lines 39-47.

As indicated in the above amendment to the specification, this application is a reissue application of U.S. Patent No. 5,802,241, and a divisional application of reissue application No. 09/653,482, which is also a reissue application of U.S. Patent No. 5,802,241. Further, it is the Patentees' intention to file further divisional reissue applications of U.S. Patent No. 5,802,241. When all such applications are filed and serial numbers are assigned thereto, the specifications of each of the applications will be amended to cross reference each of the other applications.

Respectfully submitted,

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